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 THE RESPONSE TO A MESSAGE REQUESTING THE RESPONSE

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REPLY TO ACTION OF NOVEMBER 18, 2005

The examiner has rejected claims 1 and 4 under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, as being incomplete for omitting essential elements. The examiner is urged to reconsider and withdraw the rejection.

The examiner appears to misunderstand the manner in which the claimed invention operates. Claim 1 refers to a "method of operating a station," and thus, the "receiving" and "transmitting" steps are clearly steps in operating "a station". Claim 4 is similar, in that it calls for a "media access control unit in a station," and thus the "receive handler" and "transmit handler" are both "in a station".

The examiner believes it is necessary that the claim explicitly say that the first transmission be received from a particular transmitter. The examiner believes that there must be a specified "original transmitter" identified to the receiving station in order for the receiving station to send a response back to the original transmitter. That is not correct. Indeed, part of the cleverness of the invention, is that all the station receiving the transmission does is transmit a

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